

**Table 24a. Standard errors on primary reason for holding postdoc for doctoral scientists and engineers,
by selected field of doctorate: 1999**

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Reason	Field of doctorate		
	All fields	Biological and agricultural sciences	Other fields
Total postdocs (number).....	600.5	434.3	419.9
Primary reason for holding postdoc		Percent	
Additional training in field.....	1.3	1.5	1.9
Training out of field.....	0.9	1.1	1.5
Work with specific person or place.....	1.2	1.5	2.0
No other employment available.....	1.0	1.3	2.0
Postdoc generally expected for career in this field.....	1.3	1.8	1.9
Other reason.....	S	S	S

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases in the estimate (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: Standard errors are rounded to the nearest tenth. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a science and engineering research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1999.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 1999 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.